

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am a Dish Network subscriber, and cannot understand why the cable companies are allowed to merge and be protected as sole source providers when these two sat companies can IMPROVE their services to their subscribers AND provide legit competition to cable if they merge. I spend \$\$\$ on sat service, and would gladly spend more \$\$\$ for improved service, especially more HDTV programming. The more money I spend, the more taxes I pay.

I do not work for any related industry, I am the 'real guy' who would be affected by this merger, and to me, I think it would be a positive, NOT a negative.

Sincerely,

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